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President's Comments

The entertainment is silent, the darts are gathering dust, the doors are still closed. Never could I have imagined the changes we've seen over the past nine months. My phone calendar beeps to remind me that it's the second Saturday of the month - time for Trivia; Celtic Lightning and third Friday fish. Facebook and Google pics remind me what I was doing a year ago, and at times the loss seems beyond endurance.



And yet.... we are still moving forward. Your Board is tirelessly working towards the future of the Club. Our curbside fish-n-chips has consistently allowed us to pay the bills every month. We are exploring collaborations with other non-profit groups to produce virtual events and concerts. This pandemic is forcing us all to think "outside the box", and I am truly blessed and honored to be working with a team that is up to the challenge.

Thank you for your continued support. We will all be together again.

Lori

Vice President's Comments



We all know how bad things are, out in the World in general, but we all need to stay positive. It will pass, the sun will return - and the Club is still functioning.

Our Friday carry-out fish fries are doing well. From 4:00 - 7:00 your kitchen team offers a whole range of your favorites: 2-piece Hake or 1-piece Haddock dinners, both fried or baked, Steak pie dinners, and fried shrimp dinners. Also available, frozen: individual steak pies, fish cakes, and fish pies.

We look forward to preparing your own "Taste of the Club", until we can finally reopen our doors.

Happy Holidays

Alan

Treasurer's Comments

Hello, everyone. My name is Darrin and I am the new treasurer of the Club. My wife and I started coming to the fish fry years ago. We have met so many great people, especially at trivia.

I have been the elected treasurer of Harrison Township for the past 16 years and look forward to working with the new board.



Darrin

Recording Secretary's Comments

Lifelong appreciator of English history, language, art, music and culture. Has knowledge of corporate governance and compliance, as well as writing and note-taking skills. Probably has some English or Scottish ancestry, too.



Wendy

Membership Secretary's Comments

As a long time member, this is my second term as membership secretary, and my third time on the Board. Even though we have been closed, we are pleased to welcome the following very special new members, who joined to support the Club.

Please welcome: Peggy Hacker, William Willcock, John Bolender, Rey Moyet, Brandon Laethem & Dima Damluji, Laura Murphy and Shelley & Dan Davis.

Please remember to send me any updates to your membership info!

Marty



Hall Manager's Comments

John Jacobs is your new Hall Manager at the Commonwealth Club. He has been a Club member for over 6 years. John first learned about the Club from fellow Club board members, Lori Monley and Paul "Cornwall" Boland.

John works as a District Sales Manager at Applied Maintenance Supplies & Solutions. He has twin girls who are 17 and Seniors at Grosse Pointe South High School. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Outside of work and being a father, John is also a songwriter, singer and guitar player since high school. In fact, you probably have seen John perform at the Commonwealth with one of his bands, The Highballs, The Shake Ups, or Thrift Shop Cowboys. He is excited to be a part of this great Club!

John



Building Manager's Comments



My trivia team usually finishes last, but we have the most fun. I work for Ford Motor Company's GTS Division.

I'm a person that finds wealth in conversation and has wealth because I am "dad" to three amazing kids. For fun I spend as much time as possible in the Upper Peninsula.

I believe service to the community is very important. I look forward to serving this fine Club.

Marshall

Entertainment Chairperson's Comments



I am excited to be a part of the Club leadership. I am a middle school band director and have spent my career organizing events and fundraisers.

I recently put together two fundraiser events for the club: the euchre tournament and the chili cookoff, and have brought in many new members. I look forward to many great events.

MJ

Public Relations Chairperson's Comments

Lynne has been a member of the Club for about 7 years now, participating in several events and has English, Irish and Scottish lineage.

Lynne was in advertising as a Clio Award winning Broadcast Producer for 20 years before opening her successful (also award-winning!) Paint-Your-Own Pottery Studio in St Clair Shores. She's now retired, but will always paint & fuse glass for fun!

She brings a unique and knowledgeable base to her position here.



Lynne

Newsletter Editor's Comments



I've been pokin' around the Club seven years now, eating a lot of fish, and occasionally dipping some.

This is my second run at Newsletter Editor, and I'll do my best to help us all stay connected in a time when it is more important than ever.

Paul

Trivia News

Our final scores for the 2019-2020 trivia season found WTF squeaking out a win.

We traditionally celebrate with our awards banquet and pizza party in May. That didn't happen this year. But every single team that would have received a prize has GENEROUSLY given it to the Club. You donated over \$1,400.00!

Thank you!

STANDINGS

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| WTF | 461 | We're...Snacks | 380 |
| Smarty Pants | 458 | Wild Guess | 364 |
| Foxes & Hounds | 413 | Nothing To Lose | 313 |
| I Said That | 405 | Patty's Cousins | 250 |
| Union Jacks | 398 | We Don't Give A | 249 |
| Lumpy Rutherford | 392 | Crown Jewels | 180 |
| Silver Beavers | 389 | Titans Of Trite | 63 |

